

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 19, line 2 and ending at page 19, line 18 to read, as follows.

A ~~The present invention relates to a~~ developing apparatus includes comprising a container containing a developing agent and having an opening; a developer bearing member provided at the opening of the [[said]] container; a magnetic sealing member magnetically restricting leakage of the developing agent out of an end of the [[said]] developer bearing member in a longitudinal direction of the [[said]] developer bearing member, the [[said]] magnetic sealing member being formed at the end in the longitudinal direction of the [[said]] developer bearing member as extending along a circumferential direction of the [[said]] developer bearing member; a sheet member preventing the developing agent from leaking out of the opening of the [[said]] container, the [[said]] sheet member being attached along the longitudinal direction of the container forming the opening, the end in the longitudinal direction of a free end of the [[said]] sheet member entering in a space between the [[said]] developer bearing member and the [[said]] magnetic sealing member; and an auxiliary member holding a free end side of the [[said]] sheet member around the [[said]] magnetic sealing member. The [[Said]] container is formed with, at a portion attaching to the [[said]] sheet member, a recess into which the [[said]] auxiliary member enters.